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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MILI, RP

SUBJECT: M-16 CO-PRODUCTION PROJECT

1. DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN INFORMED THAT GAO IS PLANNING TO REVIEW PHILIPPINE M-16 CO-PRODUCTION PROJECT AS PART OF AN ONGOING STUDY ON WORLD-WIDE CO-PRODUCTION ARRANGEMENTS. GAO REPRESENTATIVES WOULD BE COMING TO THE PHILIPPINES IN LATE MARCH OR APRIL FROM BANGKOK. DEPARTMENT HAS HAD ONLY CURSORY DISCUSSIONS WITH GAO AND HAS NOT GIVEN GAO ANY CLASSIFIED DOCUMENTS.

2. GAO SEEMED PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN ORIGINS OF M-16 PROJECT (WHETHER IT WAS AT U.S. OR PHILIPPINE INITIATIVE); IN ECONOMIC JUSTIFICATION FOR PROJECT; AND IN PROCEDURES FOR CONTROL OF THIRD-COUNTRY SALES.

3. GAO WONDERED IF THERE WOULD BE ANY OBJECTION TO THEIR TALKING TO FILIPINOS ABOUT M-16 PLANT. WHILE WE RAISED NO IMMEDIATE OBJECTION, WE SAID WE WOULD REFER QUESTION TO EMBASSY FOR ITS ADVICE.

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4. WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY'S ADVICE RE PARA 3. WOULD  
ALSO LIKE IN UNCLASSIFIED FORM IF POSSIBLE UP DATE ON  
PROGRESS ON M-16 FACILITY: ARE RIFLES NOW BEING ASSEMBLED

IN PHILIPPINES; IF SO, WHEN DID SUCH ASSEMBLY START; IS  
THE M-16 PLANT COMPLETED; WHAT PER CENT OF M-16 COMPONENTS  
WILL BE IMPORTED AND WHAT PER CENT MANUFACTURED LOCALLY?  
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